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Dear. Kirby:

Thank you very much for letting me see
this letter of thanks. He really did a great
job in Berlin. I didn't bring my late book up
here so I don't know which of those dates
will fit me in. When you get back to
New York will you have John Scouting call
Mrs. Head, my secretary & she will be able
to tell. Manila is coming along slowly
but ought to be well soon. I had at work
a book of essays.

Yours
R. M.

LEAGUE AGAINST FASCISM

(American Section of the Matteotti Fund)

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The Matteotti Fund was organized by the Labor and Socialist International, and the International Federation of Trade Unions to aid the labor movement in countries without democracy. It has carried through notable campaigns in defense of the Italian and Polish labor movements. Today the Fund is aiding the labor movement of Germany combat the Hitler dictatorship.

July, 1933

Dear Friend:

There is no greater menace to civilization than the infamous regime of the Nazis in Germany. Fascism has brought terror and degradation to the German masses. It has planted itself on the world horizon as an ill omen of a new war whose horrors the human mind can scarcely picture.

Fascism can yet be halted ere it brings the world to the abyss of world war. The German Socialist movement, though proscribed by law and devastated by systematic terror, has reformed its ranks to wage anew the battle for Socialism and human rights. In Prague, in Zurich and in Paris the German Socialists have begun to build the machinery of secret propaganda which will defy the Hitler terror to halt it. In the meantime loyal and true Socialists inside Germany risk their liberty and their lives to carry forward the work of Socialism.

The main task of recapturing Germany from the Nazis belongs to the German Socialists. But the task is too great for them to shoulder by themselves.

The national executive committee of the Socialist Party has set up an American section of the International Matteotti Fund—known as The League Against Fascism. The League is centering its efforts in two directions: 1—To raise a fund to be transmitted to the Socialists who are actively combatting Hitlerism; and, 2—To carry forward extensive anti-Fascist propaganda in our own country.

This appeal goes to all who believe in freedom. In the name of all that liberty-loving men and women hold dear, the League Against Fascism urges you to make as large a contribution to its work as you possibly can.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Hoan

Chairman.



Goshen Ministerial Association

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July 2, 1934.

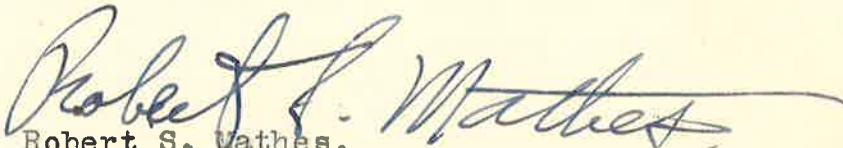
Mr. Kirby Page,
North Shore Hotel,
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Mr. Page:-

Thank you again for the excellent sermon you preached here last night. We really appreciate it deeply, far more than our words can express; and our hope is that you may continue in the good work. We are with you!

I am sending the check as we agreed upon last night, and hope it is entirely satisfactory with you.

Very sincerely,


Robert S. Mathes,
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

309 E. Jefferson St.,
Goshen, Indiana.

Box 576
Black Mountain, N.C.
July 6, 1933.

My dear Arnold:

Sherwood was kind enough to share with me your long letter to him and I have greatly enjoyed and profited by the details you have given.

We are eagerly awaiting a report of your conference. Be sure to send us something promptly for use in the World Tomorrow. When you get your head above water, if you ever do, drop me a line about some of your more intimate personal problems. Jess dropped a hint and Alma and I are eager for more details.

In the last ten days I have managed to pound out 50 typewritten sheets on my new new book. We are having bushels of fun and wish that you could be here with us.

Affectionately yours,

Bitto
The Stenog.

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4164 Ohio St.
San Diego, Calif.
July 10, 1933

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 578
Black Mountain, N. Carolina

My dear Mr. Page:

We were pleased to get your good letter and to hear that you are enjoying a fine vacation. This will acknowledge receipt of your check for \$15.94 to complete the balance of Kirby's account.

We are enjoying San Diego very much. We are finding the climate cool and delightful.

I shall try to write Kirby again later in the summer, in the meantime, I hope he will feel in the mood to write me and tell me what he is doing.

We all join in best wishes for the Page family.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

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HIRAM COLLEGE

Hiram, Ohio

July 11, 1933

Mr. S. M. Keeny
Association Press
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Keeny:

I thought you might wish a note for your records saying that I called upon you on June 30th and received from your secretary the manuscript of Harold Gray's letters, "Character Bad."

Your letter to Mr. Page was forwarded to Gray and to myself. Gray has asked me to take care of the possible publication of the letters, but it was his decision that he could not at this time underwrite the publication as you suggested he would need to if the Association Press were to care for it.

I recognize the student markets which are open to your Press and should there be any desire on your part to reconsider the manuscript with the thought of publishing in some way that would release Mr. Gray from the necessity of underwriting the expense, I should be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1933.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Black Mountain, N.C.

Dear Kirby:

If this were merely formal it would probably be a waste of my time and almost an insult to you, but I must tell you that we are deeply grateful to you for your generous and profound contribution to our summer conference. One of our secretaries who led a Bible study group last year expressed his gratification at the change of plan, saying that the students were getting at least as much this way and that the leaders themselves would carry away something very valuable in method and content for the campus. Others spoke of your work as the outstanding feature of the conference. Without the risk of flattery or of being invidious I can say that your work furnished a spiritual and intellectual foundation and center of unity which tremendously increased the total effect of the conference. Those of us who are accustomed to conferences do not overlook the fact that your greatest contribution was not a method of Bible study nor even the content, valuable as those were, but the sincerity, the courage, the fairness and the friendliness of Kirby Page. Come again and stay a long time!

Yours sincerely,

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July 11, 1933

KIRBY PAGE
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Page:

For the third time I take the liberty of approaching you. A copy of this letter will be sent to various men with whom I have discussed conditions in the past, namely Bishop Adna Leonard of Pittsburg, head of the local Methodist Conference, Dr. Worth M. Tippy of Council of Churches Social Service who favored me with many replies, and Dr. Beaven, President of the Council, a man who has given no attention, to date, to following items.

Some months ago, and over a yearago, I mentioned many of your questionable affiliations but in the last week I have secured that which stamps you as a man that must be looked upon as one of many interested in and endorsing that which has long been accepted by educational groups. I now take up the question of the favor you grant, with others, to the practice of Masturbation. This fully outlined in SEX IN CIVILIZATION, by Galverton, supported by the RECONCILIATION TRIPS, radical endeavors whose letter-head carries the name of Dr. Harry Ward, and prefaced by Havelock Ellis, has two chapters covering the art of this habit. It is fully outlined for child and growing youth. In the chapters by Goldsmith and Blanchard we find that this is taught in the WALDEN SCHOOL to the child of five years. The circulars and literature forwarded to me by this school contained one pamphlet designated as a reprint from your WORLD TOMORROW for May 1924. Written by Margaret Pollitzer, advisory director, another sheet was written by Margaret Naumburg, the ex-wife of Waldo Frank, a man who not only spoke for Communism but was one of the leaders in their recent rally for Ford- Foster ticket! Her standing as such is given in the library copy of LIVING AUTHORS in a thumb-nail biography under the life outline of Waldo Frank. Miss Naumburg started this school so well written up in the SEX volume.

I now find you not only supporting men who are out-and-out radical and supporters of Atheism, Russia and let-down morals but

those who support you are as deeply guilty as those who have willingly granted their support to those otherwise concerned with you.

Dr. John Rathbone Oliver of Johns Hopkins University, the author of PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HEALTH has now undertaken to write against the modern teachings he once so ably supported. In his volume he also favored the teachings of Dr. Wm. Robinson. Dr. Robinson says that narrow-minded church members are all that keep Prostitution from becoming a necessary and honored profession. SEX IN CIVILIZATION also quotes him with Bertrand Russell. Now, I am presenting the listed men with proof that you and your associates are supporting the advocates of Masturbation. I base this upon your allowing such women to appear in THE WORLD TOMORROW and then use that title in the reprint. The article, itself is alright but the WALDEN SCHOOL teaches Masturbation. This may be verified in the chapters written by mentioned authors. Now, if our Bishop and Dr. Tippy allow this to remain as it stands all I can do is publish facts to warn parents against the teachings of the Council in general.

The wife of our local pastor gave me to understand she did not believe such things could be so. If her ignorance stands for the general blind-folded mental state of mothers in general than my work is cut out for me.

These matters startled our Bishop but not to the extent that he can take the responsibility of action. I am now writing to our beloved Superintendent who has given me such splendid support. But if this matter remains as presented all I can do is withdraw from any active support of the local M.E. Church and give reasons in full.

I think I have spoken in full to each one I am now approaching. This doctrine of Masturbation is fully approved by Dr. Frank Ayers of the Rochester Baptist Temple and does not come under his list of obscene literature. This was stated in letters to me. In 1916 this practice came under the heading of sexual sins catalogued by Baptist forces. Today it stands approved!

My own findings are supported by Dr. Oliver who admits that such habits cannot be broken and must be gone into without any excess. I am praying that he will now take definite steps to undo wrongs he has allowed to be printed.

I now insist that you, Mr. Page, although your courtesy of personal volumes was appreciated, stand accused of trying to lead our young Christian Endeavor forces and yet you support men who are advertised by Atheism, namely Dr. John Haynes Holmes who appears as endorsing the devilish writings against the Bible by Mos. Lewis of Free Thought group. Now you support Walden School. What is to be done? THAT IS UP TO SUCH MEN AS BISHOP LEONARD AND DR. TIPPY TO WHOM PUBLIC LOOKS FOR DIVINE LEADERSHIP.

Yours sincerely,

Alice L. DeBerger

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Dr. Earl D. Shepard
SUPERINTENDENT
ROCHESTER DISTRICT-GENESEE CONFERENCE
180 Highland Avenue
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Shepard:

Your kindly letter was greatly appreciated but since placing important data before you additional material has now come to light.

Some months ago Kirby Page addressed about nine hundred young people at the Rochester Masonic Temple. At that time my work was concerned with his affiliations with Dr. John Haynes Holmes with others who activley support Atheism. These things were neverdenied by Mr. Page but he replied and sent me two of his latest publications. Last week I sent for literature furnished by The Walden School, an institution which is described in a volume presenting the doctrines of "asturbation for child of five and older youth. This literature, sent to me by this radical school also contained a pamphlet written by Margaret Pollitzer, a reprint from Mr. Page's WORLD TOMORROW of May 1924. As advisory director she is important to the said staff. Now other sheets by Margaret Naumburg, founder of said school, the ex-wife of "aldo Frank, communist supporter in the Foster-Ford rally, were in the catalog. This bears out the statement that Mr. Page's affiliations are unfit for Christian support! For proof: he allows her to use WORLD TOMORROW as backing and he used articles from this writer. The doctrines of "asturbation, taught in this school, are outlined in SEX IN CIVILIZATION. All I had to do was send for literature to find out officers of school. I never dreamed Mr. Page was as closely connected with this radical practice.

You have not come upon Atheism in your work as our beloved superintendent. Mrs. Fleming cannot believe this can be true as I have given it. Then please allow me to draw your a ttention to Mr. Page's co-editor, Dr. John Haynes Holmes and Norman Thomas. Athesit tracts may be seceded from THE NATION ad lists, and THE NEW LEADER, Socialist weekly.

I secured mine from the columns of same. Dr. Holmes endorsed ^d Jes. Lewis writings presented and sold by FREE THOUGHT ASSOCIATION. This one writer specializes in tearing Bible apart. Dr. Holmes has his approving lines on third page of this catalog wherein such books are given full outline. This has all been given to Mr. Page who denied nothing.

Thus we now find Mr. Page's magazine supporting the WALDEN SCHOOL. This school is distinctly radical. Why not send for package of literature? Simply send a card to

THE WALDEN SCHOOL

New York City.

But this same Dr. Holmes was given free hand by the now Bishop Ralph Cushman when he was here in Rochester through the Council. You will no doubt recall this matter when he explained what he would do to the then Mayor James Walker.

Personally I feel that Prohibition is not as important as the denunciation of this terrible undermining of youthful minds. Dr. Robert Watson's young son was arrested last year for reckless driving while intoxicated. If he, head of the Reform Federation, cannot control his own son's liking for liquor then what can be done with men who will imbibe?

The question of contaminating the child's mind is far more important. Prohibition is a failure! Then let us undertake to look after the child of five. The things I have labored over are not known to public. How many mothers would have allowed their child to hear Kirby Page if they had known of such connections? Not many I am sure.

The Council is corrupt. Today Masturbation is looked upon as a needed release for emotional energy. Self-control is just about unknown.

Last Sunday my youngest daughter aged fourteen was baptized by brother Flaming. She asked me if that meant she was a member of the local church. I replied that the church was dying out, as you know it is, because the Divine laws of human morals has been dragged in the dust of modern ideas. I say that because the very leaders are overlooking what I have discovered with very little effort. What is to be done? Bishop Leonard is not at all interested. I was raised an M. E. but today few groups outside the Catholic Church can be respected for the teachings along moral lines. Are we to go down under such facts. I hope not! Then let us bravely face the truth!

I presented many such facts to Dr. Stanley High. As you know he denounces Atheism. He overlooked it in our own midst.

With sincere regret I have presented facts I can support.

Yours in His name,

Eric L. DeBegeur

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINA

20 MUSEUM ROAD, SHANGHAI

POST OFFICE BOX NO. 924

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "COMMITTEE, SHANGHAI."

TELEPHONES: 15245-8

July 12, 1933.

Dear Sirs:

I am sending you herewith a copy of my new book entitled Facing Labor Issues in China, and I shall be very grateful if you will be good enough to read it over and write a review for use in an early issue of your esteemed monthly.

I've been keeping in touch with your writings & The World Tomorrow & I want to congratulate you all on the progress you've made. With my best regards to you & Mrs. Page. Sincerely yours,

C. H. Kene

July 13, 1933.

Dear Kirby:

I was sorry to miss Mr. Zabriskie when he called to see me in Canton. I happened to be away on a trip into the country. If I had known that a friend of yours was coming I could have arranged to be here.

Yesterday Upton Close and his party came through. They were only here for a few hours. One of the group, Dr. Searles, of the University of Toledo, stayed with us over night.

Someone is responsible for putting me on the mailing list of the World Tomorrow and I enjoy reading it. It looks like the intention of the leaders of our country to go back to the stock market trough and this means worse days to come even though there may be a temporary improvement. Any economic order which uses such a compass for direction is bound for the rocks. It is building on gambling which means building on sand.

Japan has not beaten the Chinese into unity. The Chinese are a stiff necked race. Personal relationships mean everything, principle means almost nothing. The people in the south have no principle at stake, only a dislike of the leaders at Nanking, especially Cheung Kai Shek. The people generally do not follow them but they do not oppose them. In spite of bad government the province has improved in nearly every material way. This is partly due to the flood of money sent back to China when the gold was so high. This flood has not stopped and some of the "remittance people" are suffering because money is not coming from Chinese in the USA.

Our association work is in a period of advance. This is the first time for years that our men have felt that we could do much more than hold our own. We do have the confidence of the people and great possibilities lie ahead for this work, I think.

NUMBER THIRTY-TWO
PAAK HOK TUNG
CANTON, CHINA

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Why not get some of your wealthy friends to send you out to visit us. We could give you a good time with students in Canton. Do not come in company with any one else, however. It would give me much pleasure to have you stay two weeks with us. How about it?

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Lockwood
Edward H. Lockwood.

Mr. Kirby Page
YMCA
347 Madison Ave
New York City, USA.

*re: 200 subs
in St Paul*

MACALESTER COLLEGE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Kirby,

I have heard many genuine comments of appreciation for you series on "The Personality of Jesus" at Lake Geneva. I wanted to be at Geneva for that series more than anything else. I am thoroughly convinced that a thoughtful study of the religious experience of Jesus will awaken more genuine "social concern" than anything else the Christian Associations can do. Both of your recent books will be in increasing demand this year. I expect to use both of them in connection with the work of the Association and ~~and~~ and in teaching this coming year. Is it possible to ~~secure~~ secure them for groups at conference rates during the year? I would like to secure ten copies of Creative Living ~~and~~ ~~and~~ and one copy of The Personality of Jesus ~~and~~.

*Ans.
K.B.*
It is likely that I shall devote some time to planning weeks of spiritual emphasis for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education this coming year. I expect to encourage the use of Creative Living. If it is possible to secure your tentative schedule of visits to Chicago and the Northwest I would like to consider the possibility of your visiting some of the colleges in the northwest, especially at Macalaster college.

Cordially,

Mac

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M. D. McLean 1713 Lincoln Ave
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The Personality of Jesus } 2.50*

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Kings Head
Bouldererie N.S.
July 1/33.

Dear Kirby:-

I was hopefully glad to get your letter and appreciate your sending the correspondence with Gordon. A thousand thanks for the \$75⁰⁰ check. It will be a great help. I have finally taken a place out here in the country, the house was in a terrible mess and I had to work my hide off getting the place even half decent shape before the family arrived. They got here on Saturday accompanied by Marvin. The more I look into the situation here the more I comprehend it seems, it's going to be a tough job. I believe I tell you that Wadsworth was down in the territory and that I had not

to this have session with him.
There is much of the ostrich about
him. just now he seems to
be most concerned with getting
votes. I am planning on some
conventions during the next
few weeks and hope to have a
score of labor leaders come out
here for the week-end. I've done
nothing but tea around since
since I left new york which
leaves me a bit worn. I
probably have more names for
you in the very best fashion.
Had a note from Annie from
England I wish many thanks.
He was in the country and they
spent a day together - these last.

Very
Yours

American Society of Paraguay

Casilla de Correo 241

Asunción - Paraguay

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Secretary Treasurer

July 22 1933.

Mr. Kirby Page
New York City.

My dear Kirby:

I trust you will forgive me for being so late in answering you letter of February 10th. The truth is that there are twenty things to be done most every minute and you see correspondence can be put off from day to day when necessary. Thank you very much for the books. I have been using your "Personality of Jesus" in my class (Last Year High School) of "Conversaciones". Which is our name for Bible study and several other things.

This war situation is getting worse rather than better. Frankly, I had hoped ~~that~~ the League of Nations would really do something when the Neutrals were good enough to dissolve. I have been sadly disappointed. Every one of these organization have gone about trying to seek some sort of arrangement instead of seeking justice. The League of Nations is allowing Bolivia to Bulldoze her. She should tell Bolivia where she stands according to the Covenant of the League of Nations. I admit that I am for Paraguay. The enclosed articles will tell you why. They were written some weeks ago. But time has only served to prove that what is said in them was even more true than I then knew.

We are all well. You see by the letter head that there really are some things new. There never has been An "American Society of Paraguay" before. The school goes well, however there has been some desire on the part of certain groups to take the private schools for hospitals. In Jan. I went direct to the President of the Republic and he told me that our school should function, indicating that there were many places which could be used as hospitals. Unless they shut all schools down for health reasons, I do not think they will close ours. The war has been terrible. This city right now is one big hospital. During the first fourteen days of this month more than 300 soldiers died in the hospitals of Asunción alone from disease. I was told this by a Paraguayan doctor. If you figure that up over a period of a few months, and then take into consideration the hospitals in other towns and at the front, you will see the point in one of my articles which I am enclosing. In regard to this war I have just one question to ask. If Bolivia is willing to accept arbitration, as she says she is, why is she not willing to stop fighting? Bolivia seems to have little or no faith in the League of Nations. I wonder if there is not a "nigger in the wood-pile". Your June Editorial hints at it. The editorial says, "In addition, there is a responsibility toward Bolivia which goes back to the days when the United States was arbitrator in the Tacna-Arica dispute. Had Bolivia's request for consideration of her rights to a port on the Pacific not been ignored

at that time, the present situation might be a different one, for undoubtedly the sense of being hedged in on all sides plays psychologically as large a part in Bolivia's ambitions for the Chaco as the Economic problem of finding a means to facilitate transportation of oil". Do you suppose the United States made any promise to Bolivia at that time? There seems to have been an unknown factor at work, and one cannot explain the actions of Bolivia, time after time, unless she had some unknown power behind her, backing her up in her arrogant and even insolent statements. I would hate to think that unknown factor or power was the statement of some citizen of the United States of America, and I will not believe it until I am forced to, but that the unknown factor or power exists seems certain.

I have just given a conference to our faculty on the "Formation and Maintenance of Character" As we have several of the leading educators of Paraguay on our faculty naturally it was no easy task. I have it only in Spanish. If I put it into English I will send you a copy. The Chilean Minister resident in Paraguay read it and sent me a letter saying that it should be published by the Minister of Education here in Paraguay. But Paraguay is poorer than the poorest just now with this war on, so I do not expect any such consideration from them.

Paraguay has pleased me immensely, in her courage, in her spirit, and in her willingness to submit the whole question to arbitration. I am more aganist war than ever, but it is hard to see how Paraguay could have done other than she has. That is, defend herself.

Please give all friends our best regards, and you may be sure we shall be very glad to receive your visit anytime you can come. Surely before long you will find a way to come. We will probably be coming toward the States sometime in 1935. You had better plan to visit South America in May or June of 1934. You see I want to be here when you come. Then too, with this war once over, we will need all the help and encouragement we can get.

Most sincerely and respectfully,

Art
Arthur Elwood Elliott,

Love to all your family.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

July 24, 1933

Dear Kirby:

I have read your chapter with a great deal of interest. There is very little in it with which I disagree, except of course that I do not think that you deal adequately with the problem of what to do with the inevitable fascist effort which will be made to destroy a possible socialist society.

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There are no particular sentences that I can mark with which I disagree, because most of them reveal your standpoint on this problem only by implication. Your defense of the German Socialists would seem to me to mean that a Fascist victory is practically inevitable everywhere. I think your energies on the middle class character is an exceedingly important one. I am wondering whether you ought not to implement it by a further discussion on how socialism can win the middle classes. What about its inadequate farm policy for instance?

I will try to do the promised article in a week or two. At present the summer school is taking all of my time.

As ever,

Rein:

Mr. Kirby Page

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Enroute to U.S.S.R., July 24, 1933

Dear Family:

We are entering Revel in Esthonia and soon Helsingfors, with the RELIANCE, a big American tourist ship. The passengers will try to see Russia in three days. They are pests while they last as they take all the autos, guides, etc.

We are having a grand voyage, very restful. Yesterday for two hours we had a checkup on Germany which the party asked me to summarize, and tomorrow we will have a similar one on Russia.

Germany was fascinating! We visited Jews and Gentiles - people persecuted or enthusiastic for the regime. The American press correspondents came to our hotel for a secret meeting for two hours. They were unanimous in condemning the ferocity and barbarity of the persecutions and the denial of liberty and justice under the Hitler regime.

When I was asked to respond to the address of welcome at the Club, I decided (after consultation with Dr. Richter and the press men) that I would tell them what America and Britain thought of the Hitler regime and that they were not getting the facts in their gagged and censored press. A few were furious - most of them approved. The press men said it was the greatest speech delivered under the Third Reich (the Hitler regime). The New York Times correspondent took me aside to dictate the speech and telephoned it to Paris (to avoid the censor). It was apparently published in the New York Times on Friday or Saturday, July 21 or 22, for I received an immediate cable of gratitude from the American Jewish Association for my "courage", etc. "for which every Jew was grateful", etc. The three rabbis in our party (in Germany only) were deeply moved.

One official furiously phoned Richter who said: "Why not? If America and England feel that way we should know the facts." He was the one fearless man I saw in Germany apart from our courageous press correspondents. He said, "My life is in danger but my family have instructions what to do the moment I am arrested. It does not matter. I am seventy-two and my life is almost over anyway." He was grandly courageous. He is standing out for the free Church, which I fear was captured by the Nazis in the elections held throughout Germany yesterday, July 23, where as many as 500 roughs, or Nazis, or those mobilized by them, would register in a single church so as to vote Sunday for elders (worldly Nazis). In a few weeks these will choose the Provincial Synods, and then the National, then the Reichs bishop or head of the forty million forcibly united Protestants (there are only twenty million Protestants in all the rest of Europe). Although the 28 bodies of Lutheran and Reformed elected their own bishop by 78 out of 81 votes, they brush this man aside and put in Hitler's worldly chaplain, Muller, who bids fair to be the Constantine to secularize and "steam roller" the Church of Germany.

I had an interview with this man for eight of our ministers and Ex-Senator Allen. He sat below the great wooden cross wearing his chaplain's Iron Cross and other war decorations and we noted his thin lips capable of great cruelty, his poor mentality and unworthy character. I asked him what place there would be for converted Jews in the new Church. He said it was too soon to say. I said, "If there is no place for the people what place would there be for Christ?" He said, "Remember, Christianity did not come from Judaism, but was born in fighting against the Jews." I said, "It may be Constantine ever again. What will you do with the Old Testament?" He said, "We cannot say yet."

The new Bishop is to have almost all power. He can turn out any minister who resists Constantine. Richter said the interview confirmed his worst fears. He is heartbroken over it.

We found severe persecution of the Jews and their condition is growing worse through economic starvation. Thirty-five American-Jewish citizens have been beaten or harmed. One now lying at the point of death is a doctor, with his back side almost beaten off. The American authorities are following closely and silently to make a test case to see who is really punished.

I went out with Jews and Gentiles and obtained tons of facts. It was very exciting. The German press did not print a word of my criticism - only praise. It was so after the Archbishop of Canterbury's protest meeting.

In my address I congratulated them upon their new unity, enthusiasm, youth, hope, self help and some economic recovery. I pointed out the evils and dangers of:

(1) The denial of impartial justice (party justice in Germany, class justice in Russia); of (2.) liberty. No free press, etc. Not a word of criticism is allowed. This is decreed "high treason" in certain cases (Russia welcomes columns of "self criticism"). Germans came asking us to tell them what was going on in the world and in Germany.

(3) The denial of certain moral and economic principles justified by experience and the progress of the race for centuries.

Hitler (who is honest, patriotic, simple, ascetic, Puritan, ruthless, emotional pathological, of shrewd, peasant commonsense, with a messiah complex) has all power and can change the unwritten constitution by decrees without consent of Reichstag or President. Knickerbocker thinks he can last indefinitely even if they starve. Most foreigners think there will be an economic crisis, or a split in his party (left and right, socialists and nationalists), or the death of Hindenburg, which will force him to take the presidency or make himself regent, or place the son of the ex-Crown Prince, Ferdinand (now working in the Ford Motor works) on the Hohenzollern throne, passing over the coward Kaiser or the rotten Crown Prince.

I was afraid to predict an early fall after Italy and Russia. I feel deeply sorry for the German people who are very poor, obedient to a fault under any regime (80% are now for Hitler and God pity the rest - Jews, Communists, Socialists or Liberals.)

While we were there Harbeck's son was taken to a concentration camp (there are about 100,000 there. Many are "suicides" or are shot "trying to escape.").

Apparently about ten Nazis got a nitwit Communist and set fire to the Reichstag locking him up to be captured there with his passport, etc. and believing they were "Communist Comrades." On that excuse they seized all power, killed some of von Papen's own friends and have ruled Germany ruthlessly ever since.

While we were there they learned of the uncle and aunt of Felix Warburger of New York, rich Jews who gave Frankfort University buildings. They desecrated the tablet so that this aged couple of 85 committed suicide. Within an hour of this I learned of a boy of twelve, son of one of our speakers, who wanted to commit suicide because there is no hope for him if one of his four grandparents was a Jew. Professors are fired if, under oath, any one of the four grandparents is found to be a Jew. We had one meeting in the old Hochschule. Not only Dr. Wolfers and Dr. Jackh, but all 52 professors were fired. Nazis were substituted.

The situation is amazing, fascinating, saddening. The outlook is gloomy and serious. They have nothing to go upon but enthusiasm, a shoestring, and Hitler. Yet most four men he has changed Germany (Luther, Frederick the Great, Bismarck, Hitler) and holds more power than any of the others.

Their press and schoolbooks are bitterly, implacably anti-Jewish. They say they have stricken out the words humanity, liberty and democracy from their vocabulary. It

was one of the most interesting visits we ever made to any country save Russia in 1926 when we had the memorable debate.

Kerry is doing beautifully. We both send our love to you all - Maud, Brewer and family, Mother and Jessica (if Mother will forward this to 347 when she has finished)

Ever

S.E.



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Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Page:

I think you probably know about the manuscript entitled CHARACTER "BAD". We are considering it here, but, frankly, are confused as to what the probable sales of the book, if published, would be. I think you, more than any other man, can give me some light on the problem. If you would like to have the manuscript to look over, to refresh your memory on Harold Gray's letters, I will be glad to send it to you for your reading.

An honorarium will of course be forthcoming for your kindness.

If you are out of the city, I am assuming this letter will be forwarded to you, because we do not want to give a final decision until we have your advice.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Exman/vn

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET

NEW YORK

July 28th, 1933

Dear Kirby:

You misunderstood my letter. I did not mean that you assumed that a Fascist victory would be inevitable everywhere, but rather that I think it will be inevitable if the strategy of the German socialist body is not changed to a greater degree than you contemplate. The problem is to get a socialism rigorous enough to prevent the communist division and yet intelligent enough in dealing with the middle class to prevent a division there. In other words, how can we prevent the poor from dividing into fascist farmers, socialist skilled workers, and communist unskilled workers. That seems to me to be the large order which we face.

Yours cordially,

Rein.

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 578
Black Mountain, N.C.

Is there any chance of
joining Paul Douglas to
help Ted Schenck to
join the administration. Ted
is completely out Sept 1st.

The University of Chicago

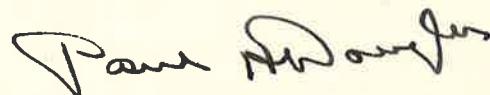
Department of Economics

July 28, 1933

Dear Kirby:

I have gone over your manuscript and think it is excellent. The Communists may have an argument when they say that a great many people who would not vote to put them in power would, nevertheless, not take up arms to put them down if they should try to seize power.

Faithfully yours,



PHD N

Paul H. Douglas

Encl.

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July 28, 1933

Oct. 14

Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 578,
Black Mountain, North Carolina.

My dear Mr. Page:

Because of serious financial problems it was thought for a time that we could not hold the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ at Pittsburgh, October 11 to 15. However, those difficulties have now been ironed out, and we have decided to go on with the Convention.

As chairman of the program committee, I am writing you at the earliest possible moment on behalf of the Committee asking you to make the closing address, Saturday evening, October 14th. The convention continues over Sunday, with a historical trip on Monday, so that you will get a great hearing that evening.

Saturday afternoon, we are to have a Youth's Convention, running simultaneously with the International. This is followed by a great Youth Banquet, with a joint session of the International and Youth Convention Saturday night.

Raymond F. McLain, Religious Education Director of Ohio will speak at 7:45 on the theme, "What Young People Can Give to Christ". The committee would like to have you speak on the theme "What Christ Can Give the Young People", with the thought that you would challenge them for PEACE. Of course, your address is not distinctly a young people's address. You are speaking to the entire Convention.

I sincerely hope that you can render this service and regret that because we were uncertain about the Convention, it was not possible to write you at an earlier date.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

HBM/D

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August 1, 1933

My dear Mr. Page:

I am infinitely grateful to you for your generosity in letting me see the draft of "Individualism and Socialism". It has been a liberal education for me to read it. It is beyond all doubt the ablest analysis not only of the Communist bombast but of the whole process of intelligent revolution I have yet read ..

It is almost presumptuous of me to attempt any critical comment? Going over the manuscript with a fine-toothed comb enables me to make only one minor suggestion and that is borrowed from an article by Dr. Du Bois:

At the bottom of page 22 where you speak of the stake which many workers have in the present form of government you might, it seems to me, carry this even a bit further. In addition to the savings bank deposits, homes owned, life insurance policies held, automobiles and radio sets owned, would it not be true that every owner of stocks and bonds, no matter how infinitesimal the amount, and all who are buying commodities on the instalment plan might be included?

I send you under separate cover copy of *The Crisis* for May, 1933 in which you will find an article, "Marxism and the Negro Problem" which may perhaps be of some value to you. I send you also copy of the June issue with a marked editorial.

When will your book be published? I want to call it to the attention of a great many colored people to whom it will be of great value.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

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August 2, 1933.

My dear Kirby:

I have gone through your manuscript on "Communist versus Socialist Strategy" carefully. I hope I have not disfigured a copy that was to be used further. You will pardon and welcome my bluntness I am sure. In chapter VIII I presume you will write a section on "Why I am not a socialist." Seriously (that is, half-way)! It seems to me that you do owe it to your readers, particularly the socialist ones, to state why you reject practically all that Marx formulated in the way of socialist philosophy. Don't think that I believe that Marxian intellectual orthodoxy is enough there were plenty of Social Democrats in Germany who were as orthodox as could be desired, and what of it? On the other hand I do not see how a superficial liberalism (which is in my opinion the nature of your "socialism") can provide us with an adequate philosophical basis for the terrific struggle that lies before us. If you will pay my expenses to Black Mountain, I will tell you in twenty four hours, more or less, why I emphatically classify you in this manner. Please do not expect me to do it in a letter. You are compounding, not the felony perhaps, but the futility of the present Socialist Party in this country. Now it is barely possible that chapter V would "deliver" me from some illusions which I hold regarding your socialism, though I doubt it. But if so, then chapter VI which I have seen should be re-written. Frankly, it does not convince.

I think you have greatly underestimated the war dangers, which is exactly the point where I would expect you to be an effective socialist. Have you too fallen for this Roosevelt administration stuff? Here are some of things which you seem to me to have omitted, either in mention or emphasis: The naval rivalry between the U. S. and Japan - begun by the Roosevelt administration (see Swanson's recent policy). The Japanese have already replied to the challenge in their great budget increase. The bald economic nationalism of the present administration, exhibited at London and elsewhere. The collapse of that conference for reasons that lead directly to war. The dismal failure of the Disarmament Conference. The futility of the League and the post-war treaties in dealing with the Far Eastern Crisis. The enormous increases in military budgets over 1913 (or do you not believe that armaments were one of the efficient causes of the world war?). The general instability of world capitalism which invites, even if it does not make absolutely inevitable, a resort to war in the not distant future. The nature of fascism which is unquestionably bellicose, and which is no longer an Italian but a world phenomenon. The unbridled activities of the international munitions peddlers. The capitalist-communist issue between the Soviet Union and capitalist powers, not to be sneezed at even though we do not, like communists, make it our central scare. There is some overlapping in these things which I have mentioned but each brings the general world war danger to a focus.

August 3, 1933.

Dear Kirby:

Greetings from the hot belt. Have you seen by the papers that we are enjoying (?) some weather? Since Sunday this city and environs have been sweltering under a sun and in a humidity that would burn all the hair off a brass monkey. As a consequence one squishes through the asphalt on the streets as if it were snow - footprints in the streets of New York, as it were. Perspiration streams here and there. In fact, it is considered good form to say that one 'sweats'. And how! My goggles are gummed up most of the time and I've seriously considered carrying a towel instead of a handkerchief which is quite inadequate. Coming back to such heat from the Green Mountains where at least the nights are cool makes it necessary to become acclimated all over again. At least I won't have to diet to lose those extra five pounds I gained. It's all gone in four days, no fooling. But otherwise I feel fine. I have lost just exactly fifteen years off my age physically and mentally. And that is no joke either. I have a birthday next week which, if I didn't feel so young, would force me to shudder. And how about you, old timer? Yours is the day before or the day after mine. I can never remember which. But the catch is, that you have a tall son and daughter to remind you of your years, while I may be young again and get away with it, even if I do have one or two gray hairs.

You will be interested to know that while visiting in the terribly conservative state of Vermont I found a number of your admirers - Vermonters, too, no less. I visited a beautiful and dignified old mansion in Windsor, the seat of the Vermont government at one time, and was entertained at tea by the heiress to the estate - a delightful woman of middle age - unmarried - a former teacher. Seated among pieces of furniture that dated back to the American Revolution and probably before that in England, we discussed things in general and I felt the quiet dignity and formality of all those quiet voiced and firm minded persons who had sat in those very chairs and who now gazed out of their heavy gold frames at me in rather disapproving fashion. I visited every one of the twenty-eight rooms in the main building with their high posted beds and quaint little one-stick stoves and their hooked rugs and patchwork quilts (there were twelve more in the annex). And suddenly in one of the rooms I discovered a file of Foreign Policy Bulletins and a copy of your National Defense.

"What!" says I. "Pacifism and what not in these conservative rooms?"

"Conservative?" the hostess raised her eyebrows. "I'm a Socialist."

"And what of the ancestors?" queried yours truly.

"They raised big families, didn't they?" she smiled. "And every Yankee thinks for himself or herself. They would not condemn me for thinking things out for myself in my own way. My great-great-grandfather was something of a Socialist himself from all accounts."

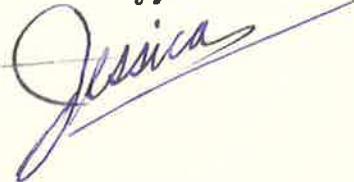
So you see, conservatism is not all it seems from the exterior. And upon visiting a lady cousin of my brother-in-law I found she had heard you speak a number of times in Massachusetts where she visited. She is a true-blue Vermonter according to birth also, but she also belongs to the ancient and honorable family of Gilbert, than which there is no more radical in the country. Her brother and his wife at one time worked with Jane Addams at Hull House. Another brother is an eccentric Episcopal clergyman in Connecticut who installed

easy chairs for the comfort of certain ancient parishioners and often takes his sermon and his congregation in bathing suits to the beach and everyone has a swim immediately following the benediction. (And he has one of the largest congregations in the vicinity). This lady's sister, married late in her thirties and with one adopted daughter to her credit, had one child of her own. But she and her husband, a college professor, loved lots of children, so they have nine others whom they have adopted legally. A sort of private orphan asylum with mother and father love and home training for rules and regulations. I had to promise to send her a copy of your National Defense before I got away. Such a business! Here I go vacationing in what is known as alien territory and found it invaded by the radical enemy. And these people want to know why Eddy and Page don't honor them with a visit now and then. Somebody must be wrong!

I am enclosing the Forbes statement you asked for. Before leaving on my vacation I checked with Miss Trefon and she got straightened out as to who is who and why before I left. I think this is quite correct according to her records also. The yellow sheet has the W.T. payment dates for your own information.

My regards to the good wife. I have a lot of snapshots taken while abroad in the foreign country of Vermont. If any of them turn out well I will send you one of reincarnated me, so you can observe the transformation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "J" and "e" being particularly prominent.

Woodstock, N.Y. August 6, 1933.

Dear Mr Page:-

Your mss reached me a day or two ago and I am very much interested in it. You have been most successful in documenting the Communist point of view and often against the arguments given by their adherents. If I had been reading the chapter in print, probably no changes would have come to mind, but as you asked me to criticize, I will make the following suggestions.

1. As you devote considerable space in this chapter to Fascism, might it not be advisable to have the title read Communist & Fascist vs Socialist Strategy or Dictatorship vs Socialism.
2. In paragraph 2 on Page 1, I think you should make it clear that when you use the word Socialist, you refer to those belonging to parties that are included in the Socialist Labor International, i.e. the 2nd, and those closely allied to it.
3. Could you on page 19 show that the New Deal makes such an attempt as you speak of in Paragraph 2, but show how far its attempts are from that of the ideal commonwealth of Socialism. I feel that it is most important that on every possible occasion Socialists should show the inadequacy of the present plans.
3. In several places you use the adjective "equitable" to describe the new society and I wish that there were some other word which would have a wider and less legalistic significance. I cannot however think what that word should be. Perhaps you might vary it by "Just" and "Cooperative" or I hope you can think of just the appropriate word.
4. On p.17, paragraph 3, line 3, do you not mean the workers in the United States?
5. On page 26, I would prefer the word important instead of intriguing, which to me has a more superficial meaning.
6. On p 28, I hope you will keep a place open to see how the Congress against War, September first to third turns out. In either case, successful or otherwise, it would be worthy of comment, as all parties have gone into it with their eyes open and also officially.
6. I would prefer to leave out the reference to the R.C.Church, as unimportant at best and possibly the number of free thinkers, among the nominal membership of that Church in Italy is greater than appears at first sight. At all events, it might be contradicted by both sides.
7. Two or three times reference is made to "Blanquists". As probably this book will be read by many who are not students, might it not be well to explain in a few words, what the Blanquists stood for. (I had to look it up myself.)

My suggestions are perhaps rather superficial- in that case you will pardon them. I read the mss as one in sympathy and wanting all points to have the effect desired. I am very glad to have had the chance to read it.

With kind regards to you and Mrs Page and hoping that your boy
is now quite strong again,

I am truly yours
Elizabeth Gilman

The Salutation of the
Dawn

Look to this Day —
For it is life, the very
life of life.
In its brief course lie all
the Realities of your Existence:

The Bliss of Growth;
The Glory of Action;
The Splendor of Beauty.
For yesterday is only a Dream,
And Tomorrow is only a Vision;
But Today well lived makes
Every Yesterday a Dream
of Happiness,
Every Tomorrow a Vision
of Hope.

Look well therefore to
this Day

(from the Sanskrit)

Rock Creek Inn
Bishop, Calif.
August 8, 1932.

Dear Kirby:

I call you by your first name because that is the way I learned to know you at Asilomar last December. I know you are very busy, but I had to write and tell you what you mean to me and to countless other fellows who believe in social justice. Perhaps you remember me. I was about the youngest fellow at the conference, short, light-haired, and one who followed you about like a faithful dog plying you with questions because you gave such clear and simple answers. Asilomar was the turning point of my life, and that is not melodrama. It stirred to a flame the coals which had been glowing since last fall's election campaign. Ever since I have kept my face to the sun, although I have been frustrated a number of times because of my meager knowledge.

But I grow in knowledge and zeal, and that means all to me even if I am ~~only~~^{hardly} in the foothills of the heights. Your book, Living Creatively, is my most priceless possession without exception. It never ceases ~~or~~ nor ever shall cease to refresh me and drive me on.

I shall be a senior at Pasadena Junior College (sophomore in college) this next year. I am president of the YMCA on the campus also in my last

year. One of my chief hopes is to reorganize the yw so that there shall be interest groups in religious, racial, international, economic, marriage, and other problems. I also belong to the Economics Club, a group started by the campus yw and now mixed. We have so much interest that we are meeting weekly through the summer. Among our plans for the fall are a two-months peace campaign climaxed by an assembly speaker and a campaign against the local R.O. unit which is optional. Chester Williams, whom you must know in connection with the Brooklyn Edison fight ^{in N.Y.} there, has organized a Fellowship of Socialist Christians in which is a smaller group known as Youth Shock Troop No. 1, ^{disciplined} a group for non-violent resistance in social situations such as labor strikes. We of the Fellowship and Econ Club are using the latter as a recruiting station for the former.

Paul Pfuetze says he knows you. He is one of my best loved friends and is the one who started me thinking on all these issues ^{early} last fall. His health is improving in a gratifying way.

Might I call to your attention the fact that the CMFC even has pressure on the YMCAs. They sent us a beautiful poster to tack up for recruits with the label: "National Defense." We promptly put it in the waste can.

Someone here rumored that you smoked. I could not believe that a man of your courage and vision could weaken his body and spend money extravagantly in that way. Write me, will you, if it be but a little note, and tell me the truth so that I may have evidence to dispel these rumors.

Before I close I'd like to say that there are fellows and groups in complacent Pasadena who, God grant us courage, shall stand with you through all that may come.

P.S. I am on a vacation, at least ^{from town}. Will you write to 2070 E. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena, Cal. Clifford Cave

Ridgewood, N.J.
Aug. 9.

Dear Kirby,-

First 2 general criticisms

1. The objective, historic factors are not given sufficient weight.
2. The process of history is not sufficiently recognized.

Another comment: Individualism + Socialism you treat as antithetical. May they not be two poles of a field across which history moves with a certain rhythm?

Specific comment:

✓ 1. pp. 203. Malafait in his Conf d'Etat has a much more realistic approach to the subject. He recognizes that someone with seize power in modern factory Society. The question is - who?

2.

✓ 2. p. 5. last line. The basis of communist expectation is historic. It is based on developments in USSR only incidentally.

✓ 3. p. 13. You ~~too~~ grossly underestimate the probability of war.

4. p. 14. ff. There is a Social decay evident in U.S.A., a picking up of prostitution & crime, that clearly indicates the presence of disintegrative factors. You treat the U.S.A. standard of living as a future factor. It is a product of the past.

5. p. 17. You treat capitalism as though it centred in the U.S.A. It has ~~was~~ other centres, notably Europe. In Europe the decline of capitalism is most in evidence.

✓ 6. p. 40. line 1. The dictatorships came with war. They would have come

3.

anyway out of the historic situation.

The heading of the chapter is "Communist versus Socialist Strategy". Where is the section on Socialist Strategy? Recent experience in Germany etc. gives much material, why is it not used?

The next chapter is "a critique of Communist Strategy".

Sorry for a little delay in answering

Best regards
Jack Measuring

600 West 122nd St.
New York - City
August 14, 1933

Dear Kirby:

At the request of Professor Meeker,
I am writing to ask if you will be kind
enough to act as Treasurer of the Highlander
Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., and also
serve on the advisory board of the school?
As you know, the other members include Norman
Thomas, Sherwood Eddy, Professor George Comte,
Will Alexander, et al.

I am joining the staff of the school
this fall, and expect to devote considerable time
in the next six weeks to the task of soliciting
funds. Also I am preparing some literature
for the mails, which I shall be sending you
soon. May I add the names of Myles Horton and myself to that of Reinier,
and urge you to accept this appointment.
It will entail very little work on your part, merely
the receiving of subscriptions - which have not been
overwhelming. And your name will lend confidence
in our undertaking.

Would you be kind enough to let us have
your reply on return mail? Assuming you thus
do shall appreciate your support and interest.

Sincerely yours, James A. Tomrowsky

Colegio Internacional
Casa de Correo 241
Asunción - Paraguay

August 16 1933

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Mr. Kirby Page
WORLD TOMORROW
New York City.

My dear Kirby:

I am enclosing a few ideas, which if they do not serve for an article, might serve as a basis for an editorial. To save my life I do not understand where the "nigger" is in ~~the~~ question. At this writing it looks as though there is no agreement among the A.B.C.P. in regards as to what they are going to do. There are some indications that Argentina and Chile favor Paraguay's point of view, while Bolivia and Peru lean toward the Bolivian. But the sad thing about the whole question is that they don't demand that hostilities cease and then talk the thing out and submit everything to arbitration. Some intimate that the United States was at the bottom of having the negotiations transferred from the League to the A.B.C.P. It would be most interesting to know if that be true. Do you have any way to find out?

The suggestion that the Pope go on a Gandhi strike is not taken seriously here. The idea has been presented to the President of the Republic by a "DIPUTADO" who is a friend of mine. However I presented the idea as a serious one and still think it is worthwhile. If the people here could have a demonstration from the Pope that he ~~was~~ ^{for} that interested in their welfare it would be a great thing ^{for} suffering humanity. I am sure that neither the people of Paraguay nor of Bolivia would allow the Pope to suffer. The President I understand says there would be some inconveniences. I do not yet know what they are. The idea has been in my mind for some time. I suggested it to the Minister of Education some weeks ago and he replied that they would let the Pope die, but I do not believe it. Anyway since the political organizations are ^{unable} to do nothing to stop this useless killing I thought at least the idea should get out.

The school goes quite well, and we are all well,

Most sincerely yours,

Art,

Arthur Elwood Elliott

Just
interhad a talk with my friend in Congress who is also an editor
of the strongest daily here. He says that if they pack it out here Bolivia
will take it as a weakness. I shall try to get out through Buenos Aires
so.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE FOR NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS

128 East 16th St., New York City

August 15, 1933

Phone Stuyvesant 9-2131

Dear Friend:

We are enclosing a brief report on the plight of Larry Hogan, Beulah Carter, Hazel Dawson, William Presswood, I. M. Ritchie and a dozen other organizers and active workers, white and colored, in North Carolina. We cannot afford to get out formal stationery, elaborate printed appeals, etc. Please regard this as a personal plea from the undersigned to cooperate with the North Carolina Committee in raising necessary funds for the defense of the indicted persons and for the maintenance of themselves and their families in this trying period.

Presswood is well nigh a physical wreck. His family have been living on the edge of starvation for months. Hogan, as you may recall, was railroaded to the chain gang in North Carolina for six months after the Marion strike in 1929. He is a much more dangerous man to the reactionaries of North Carolina today than he was then. Removing him and his fellow workers from the scene of action, even for a short period, would be almost a death blow to the entire labor and progressive movement in North Carolina.

To have jailed and indicted these people in connection with other organizing activities in cotton, textiles, hosiery or furniture, might have seemed too flagrant a violation of N.R.A. Their activity for the most unfortunate and exploited workers, the unemployed, were seized upon as a likely means to put them out of the way.

Please rally to their support. There is no time to lose. All contributions, large and small, will be welcomed. Tell your friends and get them also to contribute.

Very sincerely yours,

Sherwood Anderson
Roger N. Baldwin
A. M. Bingham
Louis F. Budenz
V. F. Calverton
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Edmonton,
Alberta
Aug. 16. '33

Dear Kitch Page

At last - I have found time in the intervals of my work at a School of Religion here to make my comments on your chapter.

Assuming your case, I don't think you have made a water-tight statement of it. The reference to Fascism at the beginning and points 7 & 8 seem to me to be disastrous. If treated at all, a separate chapter should be given to them.

The chief weakness of the chapter is the familiar one of assuming that the difference between socialism & communism is an ideology. The background of this is social theory needs to be explained - also the difference is goal.

I did not understand that you were going to treat - Socialism as well as Individualism in the same volume. The contrast seems to me imperfect. Socialism is really the antithesis of Capitalism. The opposite of Individualism is Collectivism & this I think is what your kind of Socialism mostly is. It seems to be formal and even mechanistic. Some pro-Capitalism of Delight and seen at times to carry your argument against Communism even to the extent of excusing Capitalism.

Thanks for the review of my book.

Can't you help stop Heine from publishing that book he's been working on this summer. It's a crime against himself and the revolutionary movement in the U.S.A. for him to put out another book so soon after his last one.

He's speeding himself out too thin and the result is inferior work. As I wrote him, his stuff in the last "World Tomorrow" was away below his standard. I thought you were going to stop the fool from "page column" anyway.

Yours as ever

Long & Hard

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

Aug 17.

Dear Kirby:

I sent my stuff in to New York
because I was too late to send it down
to B.M. I wrote in "Economic Rehabilitation"
instead of the NRA because I didn't
want the latter in it. C. Long to say
that people had a misreading two weeks ago
and our fine hopes are blunted. Brighter
days to health to everyone. We are in
her for a month. She is convalescing nicely.

John
Reiner

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August 25, 1933.

Dear Kirby:

This letterhead and the attached call helps explain why I am head over heels in work and have not answered your letter and criticized your manuscript before tonight. I am also working on a report of the Traveling Economic Seminar for one of the John Day pamphlets and trying to get some articles, on the matter, in shape for the New Republic.

I was very much interested in the mss and wish that I might have read it more carefully. I think you are doing something very worthwhile in showing how much we have socialized already and how it is the way in which we are moving even despite ourselves. You will notice I have made some notes in the margins particularly toward the end.

My major question is about the way you treat the question of the nature of the state and I fear this is where I show myself to be more and more a revolutionary Marxist. As I see it, the basic question before us is: what class (or their representatives in party) is going to have control of the central power levers of the state and thereby be able to mold the future forms of social life in a rational socialized way for the man and the race lowest down in the economic and cultural scale? You are right when you say that this job of moving toward objectives is going to be a long time job, whichever group one happens to belong to. However, is it not enormously important to be sure that in the long time process one is actually working toward a classless society and not to the perpetuation of classes in terms of some such "freezing" as fascism of any kind (NRA etc) envisages as the ideal.

It is difficult to criticize any one statement that you make. It is more your whole emphasis in this section which seems to me to be so definitely gradualistic and reformistic rather than revolutionary. Is it not possible to be revolutionary and yet stand for achievement of the goal with a minimum of violence and by non-violent means, if possible? I do not find the violence-non-violence dichotomy a very helpful one any more, but I am concerned that as many as possible of those who do will retain their critical social intelligence and remain as revolutionary as possible. I hope you will understand that this is not merely academic criticism. I am more convinced of the soundness of this position the more I get out into the actual struggle and see the way, for instance the AF of L is becoming an arm of the government under the NRA and the workers are practically selling themselves out to the corrupt as well as the relatively honest and militant trade union organizers and bureaucrats.

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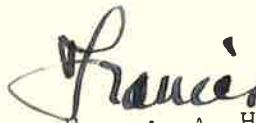
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You may well say - but doesn't this show the backwardness of the American workers and the necessity of giving them milk rather than meat? Yes, it does show this about the masses but it makes all the more necessary a disciplined minority movement of class conscious fellow-workers and intellectuals ever alert with criticism and guidance. It is to this minority group of revolutionary thinkers that I believe the masses will turn in the eventual struggle. In the meanwhile or, if I should be wrong about the eventual struggle, this criticism will keep them from being fooled too easily.

I doubt if I am making clear my point and it may be too late to make it - as far as the book is concerned but this is the effect the latter part of what you sent me had on me and I share this reaction frankly with you.

It is my hope that we may see each other at the retreat of the Fellowship of Socialist Christians.

Ever,


Francis A. Henson

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OF CONNECTICUT:-

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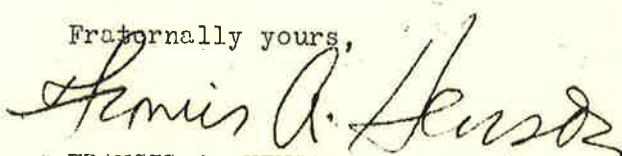
The farmers and workers of Connecticut must band together to secure better living, to end permanent unemployment, to banish hunger, to wipe out injustices and to build a powerful farmer-worker movement. Organization is more necessary than ever before because great changes are taking place in the United States. The Recovery Act has already killed the older form of capitalism. But the capitalists are not dead. They do not yet see that those who make the wealth of the world should own it. They are yielding a little at present only because they must. They are banded together. If they have their way we shall return as soon as possible to the old business cycle in which they make vast fortunes in times of prosperity and during hard times the rest of us suffer. THE WORKERS AND FARMERS MUST ORGANIZE!

They are organizing. On the 6th and 7th of May over 4,000 delegates met at Washington in a Continental Congress representing all kinds of workers. Workers on farms, factories, railroads, ships, buildings, in mines, offices, schools, colleges, all came together to discuss their common interests. The skilled and the unskilled were present, people of all races, men and women, old and young. Like the first Continental Congress of 1774, this Congress was called at a time of crisis. The main business of the Continental Congress and its state and local units will be to work out ways in which organizations of farmers and organizations of workers can co-operate in militant struggle for their rights. Connecticut must not lag behind.

To proclaim that the demands of the Continental Congress are also our demands and to establish a permanent organization in Connecticut, we are calling in Convention Hall, 270 Crown Street, New Haven, Conn., on September 9th, at 10:00 A.M., a one-day Connecticut Congress of Farmers and Workers. This Congress has no affiliation with any political party.

Your organization is invited to send two delegates. The form to be used in submitting credentials is attached. We will appreciate it if you will take this matter up at your next meeting and communicate with us at your earliest convenience. Farmers, workers, intellectuals not officially representing any organization will be seated at the discretion of the Executive Committee and are invited to send in their credentials.

Fraternally yours,



FRANCIS A. HENSON
For the Executive Committee

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
 MISSIONS BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
 2700 PINE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ROY G. ROSS, Secretary

August 19, 1933

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Mr. Kirby Page,
 Federal Council of Churches,
 105 East 22nd St.,
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

We are holding a special Youth Session this year as a part of our International Convention at Pittsburgh, Pa. This session will come on Saturday afternoon from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. followed by a Youth Fellowship dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 from which the group will go to the evening convention session. The membership of this group will range in age from eighteen to twenty-eight.

We should like very much to have you as the speaker on this occasion. This would involve a brief talk to the group at the opening of the session followed by a discussion of approximately one hour which you would lead. We would then like for you to bring the special message of the banquet, about forty minutes in length.

We have not finally agreed upon the exact topic of discussion, but feel that something in the field of World Peace, Unemployment, or World Economic Conditions would be extremely profitable. We should welcome an expression of preference from you if you can accept this service. The address at the fellowship dinner should be inspirational to an extent. In my own thinking I call to mind your address at the Student Volunteer Convention in Buffalo a year ago on the real meaning of the text "Thy Kingdom Come." The detail as to program will have to be cared for later, and it will help to have a word from you as to the possibility of your acceptance. Please indicate also any obligation which we would have to assume in this connection.

Awaiting an early word from you and with every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,



Director,
 Young People's Work

TTS:EH

Aug. 20.

Regarding earlier
distinction between
Socialism and
Communism see
Engels' introduction
to 1888 English edition
of Communist Manifesto
in Marx-Engels Library
edition of Marx'
writings, pp. 317-318.

Henry J. Hard

Highlander Folk School

To educate rural and industrial leaders
for a new social order

Myles Horton,
Director

Monteagle, Tennessee

August 22, 1933.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Black Mountain, N.C.

Dear Kirby Page:

Jim Dombrowsky writes me that you have accepted the job as Treasurer for the Highlander Folk School. I am glad to hear this. We certainly need your help. Can't you come by to visit the school before you return to New York? This would give you an opportunity to see our plant and some of our summer activities. If you could conveniently be here some Thursday night, we would like to have you speak to a group of local strikers who have organized themselves and their friends into the Cumberland Mountain Workers' League. Last week Bill Spofford, who is at a young people's conference at Sewanee, made a speech that was appreciated very much by the local people. Our Socialist Local, which meets on Monday night, would also like to hear you.

I am telling you about these meetings, because we never let a visitor get away without making us a speech. If there is not a regular meeting we make one. Do try to pay us a visit.

Many thanks for accepting the job as Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Myles Horton

Highlander Folk School

Monteagle, Tennessee

August 18, 1933

Dear Kirby:

I was delighted to get your letter saying you would serve on the receiving end of the school. I hope we can give you some real work to do in that capacity!

Are you impressed with our new engraved stationery? I just tried out the mimeograph machine. This may not be impressive to a banker, but it seems to fill the bill for a rural radical school.

I am busy now getting up some material for the mails and working up a list of prospects. You can be of real help to me at this point when you return.

Myles is organizing the Cumberland Mountain Workers League including the striking bug-wood cutters, and also the women doing domestic work for 5 cents an hour. The farmers are included in the list of seventy-five members. Myles is chairman of the strike committee. This binds the people to the school more closely than ever.

I wish you might visit the school before you return. Would it be possible?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Jim Donbrowski

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P.S. If you could visit the school and do a story for the World-Tomorrow, it would be great!

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The Broadway Methodist Church
Broadway at Magnet
Cleveland, Ohio

August 25, 1933

Kirby Page,
New York City.

My dear Kirby;

For more than a year now, yes, two or three years, I have been thinking about the possibility of organizing somewhere here in the middlewest, a permanent conference on Christianity in the relation to the social and economic order. I have had in mind, of course, those very stimulating conferences which you and Eddy used to sponsor. We Methodists have had some experience with that thing and it has been altogether to the good. However, the whole program has been highly sporadic, ~~very sporadic~~. My own feeling is that there is a tremendous need for some thing that will do for the social aspects of Christianity what the old camp ~~meeting~~ ^{place} used to do for the personal lives of men. Our conferences have degenerated so, here in the middle west, that those who go, go as the ancient Athenians did, to hear some new thinking.

I am going to put it up to our social commission next month and see if we can discover first of all a suitable place nearby. By suitable I mean a place where we can be by ourselves and at the same time have adequate provisions for entertainment and conferences, as well as recreation.

Now, my reason in writing you is this. If we should organize what we might call a Middlewest Conference on Jesus' way of life, or something after that fashion, we would need the help of various interested persons. You have a much more wider contact with people who are experimenting and adventuring along this line than we do, and it would be a very valuable thing if you and Eddy and one or two others would assist us, at long range, by your counsel and advice and help with the program. We ought to run it a week or two weeks during the summer when men could come at their leisure. A conference ought not to be so crowded that men get weary. I like the plan you followed at Olivet; conference in the morning, recreation in the afternoon, and conference at night. I am only interested in such a thing in so far as it is Christian in its approach and emphasis.

I wish you would write me your reactions, and indicate some of the obstacles we are likely to meet, as well as some of pitfalls we ought to avoid. You see, I am looking forward to the summer of 1934. If we begin this fall we ought to be able to do something exceedingly worthwhile. My hope is that we can organize a permanent rallying ground for this part of the country.

I would have sent you that article which I wrote some months ago about the Methodists Swing to the Left, but shortly afterward you printed one by Ted Miner, and I did not think you wanted another on the same theme.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever, faithfully yours,

Edwin A. Brown

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DEVERE ALLEN
WILTON
CONNECTICUT

Aug. 27

Dear Kirby:

I am sorry to have taken so long to read your chapter and comment on it; but I did wish to give it a very careful going-over. Until today, there has been no chance. I've read it, now, with genuine enthusiasm. You have done an excellent job, especially with regard to the unique character of the Russian pre-revolutionary background.

My criticisms, if few, do not mean hasty reading. Perhaps you will find an occasional marginal comment of some use.

In a general sense, my chief admonition would be to remember that there can be no such sharp differentiation between Communists and Socialists on violence as pacifists often make. There is little to be said for many large sections of the Socialist parties on this score, and we have a profoundly difficult educational task within our own ranks. Our international secretary is an assassin, even though his motives were of the best. And, alas, where the parties have steered away from violence, they have often been perfectly orthodox in voting war credits, even in time of peace, and have cheerfully followed the old capitalist parties on preparedness and war.

Your book, clearly, is going to be a grand help. I look forward to reading it all.

Affectionately,

Devere

FARRAR & RINEHART
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28th August 1933.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
Black Mountain,
North Carolina.

Dear Kirby:

mark 7670
It was nice to hear from you, and I am looking forward to seeing the first part of the manuscript.

If we possibly can, we will reduce the price to \$2.50, but I will have to keep you waiting for final word on this until we have the whole manuscript and can have it very carefully estimated.

We will keep your little table of suggestions very carefully until the time comes to send the manuscript to the printer.

Do let me hear from you, when you get back to town. It will be nice to see you.

Yours sincerely,



JF:MR

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CABLES...FARRINE...NEW YORK

24th July 1933.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
Box 578,
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Kirby:

Thanks so much for your good letter.

We have figured and figured and figured, and just cannot see how we can possibly get the book out for less than \$3.00, unless we could be absolutely certain of an unusually large quantity for your own orders.

I am glad the book is getting along so nicely, and of course we are looking forward to seeing it.

You are lucky to be away in the mountains, away from the tremendous heat we are having. It is really exhausting. We are all well. And I have a new daughter, Janice, born last week.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JF:MR



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MENA, ARKANSAS

September 2nd, 1933.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Black Mountain, N.C.
Box 578.

Dear Friend Page:

I would have returned your manuscript sooner except for the fact that after reading it I discovered I had little to add and so, between the hectic life of farmer, teacher, lecturer to the farmers nearby, and other interests, I just let the days go by.

Apart from very minor points which I have indicated on the margin or on the page, the only matter I would raise is your treatment of Italian and German Fascism. I do not think you have given the Socialists credit for the ^{domestic and international} good relations they did develop, and you have not shown how relatively easy it is for organized murderous minorities to destroy democracy during capitalism's decline. You have said too many good things, objectively speaking, as a justification for Fascism in both places. And I deny that those conditions could not have been met and were not being met sanely by Socialists in both countries. The only thing is that which Niebuhr mentions in the current World Tomorrow - we render harmless Socialists stood pat for democracy and did not ~~attack~~ those ^{enemies of ours}. However, your book promises to be an excellent contribution. The World Tomorrow, with Thomas' addition and other improvements - your tough-mindedness in general, - also appeals to me much.

Cordially yours,

Markau Fine

Printed at Commonwealth by teacher and student labor

Sept. 5, 1933.

My dear John Harvey:

Your good letter was awaiting my arrival. I was under the impression that I had already written to you that the subjects chosen by Harold Speight in no way conflict with my own talks. I am looking forward eagerly to seeing you soon.

We are just back in the City after a wonderful summer at a cabin in the mountains of North Carolina. Kirby, Jr. came on from school in Arizona where he has to spend the winter and Mary went down with us, and the four of us had a long holiday together. We played games, took hikes and altogether had a grand time.

During the summer I participated in a number of conferences. I spent part of a week at the Friends' Institute of International Relations at Duke University and had another week-end at a Friends' Conference at Guilford. I also participated in three student conferences including one for Negroes at Kings' Mountain.

Then I managed to do a lot of work on a new book on religion and economic affairs. I found that by getting up at five o'clock I could manage to accomplish a lot. The early mornings in the mountains were glorious.

Cordially yours,

Mr. J. S. C. Harvey,
Box 124,
Radnor, Pa.

Sept. 5, 1933.

My dear Ed:

I was glad indeed to get your good letter. Alas! there is no chance of my getting out to China this year, as much as I should enjoy the privilege. These are strenuous days for all of us who are trying to keep radical magazines afloat. Do send along any information you may think will be interesting to our readers.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Edward H. Lockwood,
32 Paak Hok Tung,
Canton, China.

Sept. 5, 1933.

My dear Clifford:

Your fine letter came while I was away on vacation. I am deeply moved by what you have written and want to keep in intimate touch with you. I can never forget those wonderful days at Asilemar. I have had a couple of letters from Paul and rejoice in his courageous spirit.

I spent this summer with my wife, son and daughter in a cabin in North Carolina where we had a wonderful time together. I spent many hours a day working on a new book on religion and economic affairs which I hope to have off the press in November.

Do let me hear from you occasionally.

Cordially yours,

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Pasadena, Cal.

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September 11, 1933

Dear Subscriber:

The book of your selection from the enclosed list will be sent free with your renewal to The World Tomorrow if you act promptly.

From now on we are publishing fortnightly, and expect to make the magazine more attractive than ever. Norman Thomas has agreed to write for us regularly, and H. N. Brailsford will continue his interpretations. Through editorials, articles, and *Not in the Headlines*, we shall present outstanding events of the day and comment upon their significance. Eccentricus and Pronuncio are to maintain their stimulating and provocative columns.

We have been glad to continue until now all subscriptions that expired during the summer, but it will be impossible for us to send copies beyond the issue of September 14th unless your renewal is forwarded without delay.

If necessary, you may send one dollar now, one dollar in thirty days, and the remaining dollar in sixty days.

Do make it possible for us to continue your subscription through the critical year of social change that is ahead.

Cordially yours,

September 12, 1933

Dear Edwint:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter, but I am just back after a long absence from the city. I am keenly interested in your proposed summer conference and hope you will follow up the idea. The Olivet conferences were extremely fruitful, and the idea should be extended.

Keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Elwin A. Broun
Broadway Methodist Church
Broadway at Magnet
Cleveland, O.

KP:ST

Sept. 18, 1933

Dear Mr. Page,

Here I hope that you are reading this letter instead of your secretary! I am hoping that this will have your personal attention because I feel that your answer to it can help me open many doors to a large group of women, who are now sitting complacently behind them, sweetly content in their practices of "organized Christianity."

And that brings me right to the point -- your book, Jesus or Christianity, which I recently read, is the means by which I hope to crack, at least, if not to fling wide open, those closed doors of intolerance, racial hatred, militarism, and ignorance (willful or otherwise) of existing economic conditions. It isn't going to be easy, I know; in fact, there's no telling what sort of a mess I might be getting into! - but I'm willing to risk it.

Here then I believe you can be of help to me, Mr. Page. I believe that a letter from you, written either to me or to the class (a Methodist Sunday School class of young

mothers), as a kind of introduction to our
study of your book -- a preparation for
what is to follow -- will be invaluable
aid. The teacher of the class, Mrs. Thompson,
has heard you speak several times at
Blue Ridge, and altho she is full of caught-
nests for you, I greatly doubt if even
she realizes all of the things in which
you stand. I am almost sure that she
would throw up her hands in holy (?)
horror at the mention of socialism, for
instance! And as for the remainder of the
group, I'm afraid they have never even
heard of you, or of anybody else who
devotes in the slightest from the statesmen
people like you, Mr. Eddy, and Mr. Niebuhr,
simply don't register with them. I wish
that I could talk with you, because I fear
I haven't made myself very clear - but
I will certainly appreciate it if you understand
the situation well enough to send me
the requested letter.

This summer while visiting the Kesters at
Blue Ridge (Alice and Howard are their sister and
brother) I almost dashed out of the kitchen to
offer you a very dishwashy hand to shake
but decided it would be better to stay at
my job! I enjoyed reading some of the books you had
lent me, and feel like saying, "thank you" ^{especially} Elisabeth Harris

September 19, 1933

Dear Harold:

Mr. Exman of Harper and Brothers has just been in the office and tells me that they are going to publish your manuscript. He says that they have had it read by Harold Speight, Joseph FortNewton, and Miles Krumbine. All three were extremely enthusiastic about it and urged its publication. Speight especially was insistent that it ought to be presented to the public. I am glad indeed that the book will appear so soon.

It has been ages and ages since I have had a line from you, but I hope that all goes well. Alma and I spent the summer with the children in the cabin in the mountains of North Carolina where we had one of the best experiences of our lives. Mary is sixteen now, and Kirby two years older. They are both due to graduate from prep school this year, and it seems almost incredible that a year hence they will be ready for college.

In addition to playing a lot all summer, I worked steadily on a new book and the publishers are planning to have it off the press in November. The table of contents is listed on the enclosed folder.

Do reform for a day and let me have a good letter from you. With affectionate greetings to Laura and yourself,

As ever,

Mr. Harold Gray
779 Fairfax Avenue
Birmingham, Mich.

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September 19, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Kirby:

✓ I have been waiting for several days for a conference with Roy Ross and Virgil Sly before writing to ask you to speak at the Saturday luncheon of the Board of Temperance and Social Welfare at the Pittsburgh convention on October 14th. I have just talked with Virgil and he tells me you are to speak at the Youth session in the afternoon, and at the general session at night. Our luncheon will be held at 12:15 at the Hotel Schenley, and we will be through by 2 o'clock or a little after. If you will speak for us it will be a great contribution to my own work and immeasurably to the success of the convention. You may choose a subject that will not infringe on your afternoon and evening addresses, and we will not impose upon you to the extent of taking the edge off of these later appearances. If you could tell us what is behind the present drift toward an armament race between Japan, Great Britain and the United States, and what the probabilities of the future are for European civilization, in view of the conflict between French nervousness and Hitler imperialism, I think you would make a mighty contribution. Or, if you would prefer to take the economics slant, I think our people would like to have a spiritual interpretation of the New Deal as it is being worked out in actual practice.

When you receive this letter will you not wire me as soon as you can (at my expense, of course) giving me permission to advertise you as the speaker for our luncheon on Saturday.

In common with all other agencies of our type, we have kept going only at terrific sacrifice. The present trends in economics and in prohibition tell of an entirely new program, but we hope to come out stronger than ever before.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

James A. Crain
Secretary

JAC/I

Opelika, Alabama
Route 1
September 26, 1933

Dear Mr. Page:

To thank you, most genuinely, for a number of things:

For the encouragement you have given me-

For the complimentary subscription to *World To-morrow*-

For the marked copies containing my Culture in a Cotton Mill article -

For the three books that came yesterday -

And for something else, something that the accumulative effect of all this brings to me: the in-explainable feeling of an in-explainable comradeship that defies the conventional technique of things social.

I'm eager to get into the books. I'm sure that Kirby Page will be a closer friend still, will be appreciated more fully - when I shall have read him between the covers of these volumes.

I'm the touchable kind, and all this touches me very keenly.

Very sincerely,

Floyd Tillery
Floyd Tillery

TALLADEGA COLLEGE
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

BUELL GORDON GALLAGHER
PRESIDENT

September 22, 1933

Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Kirby,

You would find time in your very busy schedule to send
me a note of congratulation !

It's going to be fairly easy to keep in touch with you
the first part of this year because I shall be living at
Bancroft Hall of Teachers College, for the first semester,
that is, up to the first of February. You will keep me in
touch with any developments, won't you ?

Ever yours,



TELEPHONE NO.:
4277 MUSEUM.
(MRS. F. AMES, MANAGERESS.)

RED TRIANGLE HOTEL,
26, BEDFORD PLACE,
RUSSELL SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

Dear Kirby

Sept 22

Will you please

criticize copy of first
portion of MSS taken
less guess to you. here
mind spelling, typing or
language which are uncorrected
as this copy has many

criticize the substance

I am on Oct 14

Affectionately

Richard

Kempt Head
Boulderite N.B.
Sept 22/33

Dear Kirby:-

At last I've a free day for letter writing. I've spent the past two weeks visiting the various mining towns, doing some speaking but mostly conferring with individuals. As I have become better acquainted with the situation here, I have been a bit perplexed as to what course I should follow this first year. About two weeks ago I called a Conference of Union leaders and other interested individuals. I laid my original plan for the school before them and also another plan which grew out of my participation in the election campaign. Yours,

Briefly it is this: That instead of attempting a Central School where at best we could only accommodate 12 or 15 students we organize Workers Educational Clubs in 5 or 6 mining towns and put on the courses originally designed for the school. This would enable us to reach at least 100 students. After discussing the two plans at great length they were unanimously of the opinion that the second plan was the most desirable of the two. During the past week I have conversed with a dozen or more men who were unable to attend the Conference and got the same reaction. So now I am now pretty well convinced that I should follow the course endorsed by the local people. This does not mean that

I am abandoning the original project
but simply approaching it from a
slightly different angle. I made
excellent contacts in all the mining
towns during the campaign and I
shall have little difficulty in
getting these clubs organized.

We are planning to move to Laramie
as soon as we can find a
house which by the way is
not an easy task, most of
the houses are rudely constructed
and hardly any of them have
indoor plumbing or other conveniences.

All in all I am quite optimistic
about the situation. I feel satisfied
that I have won the confidence
of the miners and their most
trusted leaders. Even those on the

very left wing. I have been able to get very close to the leaders of the newly formed Union (the Amalgamated mine workers) and under this new plan I can be of real assistance to them since I shall be working largely through the various locals. I am looking forward to an interesting winter.

The financial problem is yet to be solved. I have had no definite word from Gordon and don't know what amount was received by him. I think I told you before that the C.C.F. with which both Fine and Gordon are affiliated is thoroughly discredited locally.

Any suggestion that I was connected with the movement would ruin my chance here. So it creates an unfortunate situation.

I wrote Kevin some weeks ago about the payment of his pledge but have had no word from him. Woud you mind giving him a ring? And if you know of any other available gifts I'd be glad to know about them. Have you cleaned off the book shelf? I wonder if I can't borrow one of the unused typewriters?

You asked me to comment on the last issue and I have let me know all about the w.t. I do hope you one

not finding it too difficult
to finance. I'm sure you
won't let it go under.

I need hardly say that I
miss you terribly. Life is
dab here and we miss the
affectionate relationships of
New York. You will hear
from us often.

Yours truly

Mae

P.S. - I will not be
you might let Marvin and the others
these snags.

League City Tx
Sept 28, 1933

Dear Alma

Well today is some bodies
birthday, well I wish I was there
to give you a big kiss & sing,
I just wish you all the good luck
and most of all good health. I hope
you will not be bothered with
the headache so much since you are
home, I worked a little too hard
in the garden yesterday trying to
plant some things so I am some

worn out today I am going to try
to get to town today, me with Zeb
Robert - to work this evening so Jimmie
can go with me. Robert is getting
better, I have learned he is like half
of the men you just have to humor him
some and can get along pretty well
with him, have not heard from
Kirby yet hope you have, guess he
is pretty well excited and busy to
think of us, in regard to Kirby
looks. He has your mouth, I mean your
before you get those horrid old teeth,
he has that smile that you had, his
eyes have Kirby expression, his looks
quite a bit like his dad. He only
looks nice when he dresses up he

has a good carriage of himself he
does not have that floppy look like
Wilfred always had, I do not care
what he puts on he never looks good,
we had our rain at last and we
have started a garden again I had
given up. we have not had our storm
yet but I am still expecting one
as it is about our time the last
one Sunday in Tampico Mexico one
was bad I hope one will not have
any like it. I am in a hurry this
morning as I want to mail this in town
and they are needing one in the front —
Lots & lots of love to you all
from your brother
John you get my other letter